PLATEAU MINING CORPORATION

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An affiliate of

November 15, 2000

Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

RE: Permit Renewal, Willow Creek Mine, Plateau Mining Corporation

County, Utah

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Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Plateau Mining Corporation hereby files application for renewal of permit C/007/038 (ACT/007/038), to operate under the provisions of the Utah Coal Mining and Reclamation Act pursuant to R645-303-300 of the Utah Coal Program Regulations. The legal description of the area associated with the Willow Creek Mine can be found in the newspaper notice attached.

The permit renewal package includes the following in compliance with the application requirements (R645-303-232):

- An application for renewal of a permit filed with the Division at least 120 days before expiration of the existing permit term (4/24/2001);
- Evidence of a liability insurance policy;
- Evidence of a performance bond in effect for the operation;
- A copy of the proposed newspaper notice as required by R645-300-121.100 and;
- Proof of publication of newspaper notice(submitted after completion of publication).

In addition to the aforementioned items we have included current AVS information for RAG American Coal Company, RAG American Coal Holding, Inc., and Plateau Mining Corporation.

Should you have any questions please contact myself or Johnny Pappas.

Sincerely yours,

Vicky S. Miller

Environmental Specialist

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING									
Title of Proposal: Permit Renewal							Mine: Willow Creek		
	•						Permittee: Plateau Mining Corporation		
Description,	include reason i	for application and timing	required to implemen	nt:					
Instruct	tions: If yo	u answer yes to any o	of the first 8 quest	ions (gray), this ma	ry be a Significant Re	evision and require Publ	ic Notice. Any questions, please call a Permit Supervisor.		
□ Yes	X No	1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? acres Disturbed Area? acres □ increase □ decrease.							
□ Yes	X No	2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO #							
□ Yes	X No	3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?							
□ Yes	X No	4. Does applic	Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?						
□ Yes	X No	5. Does applic	ation result fro	om cancellation	, reduction or inc	rease of insurance	or reclamation bond?		
X Yes	□ No	6. Does the ap	Does the application require or include public notice/publication?						
X Yes	□ No	7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?							
□ Yes	X No	8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?							
□ Yes	X No	9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV #							
□ Yes	X No	10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain:							
□ Yes	X No	11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?							
□ Yes	X No	12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?)							
□ Yes	X No	13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?							
□ Yes	X No	14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?							
□ Yes	X No	15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?							
□ Yes	X No	16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?							
□ Yes	X No	17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?							
□ Yes	X No	18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?							
□ Yes	X No	19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?							
□ Yes	X No	20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?							
□ Yes	X No	21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?							
□ Yes	X No	22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?							
□ Yes	X No	23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?							
Attach	are 3 com	plete copies of th	ne application	for the Salt La	ake Office and 1	copy is being deli	vered to the Price Field Office		
true and co	orrect to the	ations, herein.	on and belief in all	respects with the l		ence to commitments,	Received by Oil, Gas & Mining		

ASSIGNED TRACKING NUMBER

Application for Permit Change Detailed Schedule of Changes to the Permit

Title of Change: Permit Renewal

Permit Number: C/007/038

Mine: Willow Creek

Permittee: Plateau Mining Corp.

Provide a detailed listing of all changes to the mining and reclamation plan which will be required as a result of this proposed permit change. Individually list all maps and drawings which are to be added, replaced, or removed from the plan. Include changes of the table of contents, section of the plan, pages, or other information as needed to specifically locate, identify and revise the exiting mining and reclamation plan. Include page, section and drawing numbers as part of the description.

			DESCRIPTION OF MAP, TEXT, OR MATERIALS TO BE CHANGED
X add	□ REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Volume 4, Exhibit 3, Proof of Publication - Refer to special instruction section.
X add	□ REPLACE	□ REMOVE	Volume 4, Exhibit 1, AVS Information - Refer to special instruction section.
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Any other specific or special instructions required for insertion of this proposal into the Mining and Reclamation Plan?

The proof of publication will be provided for insertion into Exhibit 3 after we receive the certified copy from the newspaper. The most current AVS information for insertion into Exhibit 1 will be provided upon approval of the permit renewal.

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